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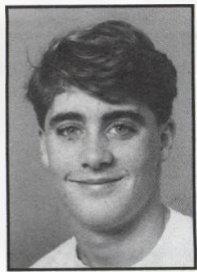
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La Salle Dominates MAAC Swimming Championships, Again

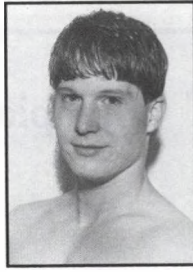
It was the same old story at the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Swimming Championships on February 14-16, as the men's and women's swimming teams from La Salle defended their championship titles with two overwhelming team victories in their home pool. The Explorer men scored 818 points to Loyola's 348 to take first place, and the Explorer women scored 546 points to Loyola's 306 for their first place victory. This is the eighth time that the men have won the MAAC championship and the fourth time for the women.

The La Salle men finished first in all 20 events and set one new MAAC record. Dave Wilkins (sr., Needham, MA) swam a record-breaking time of 51.68 in the 100 backstroke. Wilkins was also named the MAAC Male Swimmer of the Year for his overall success. He won individual gold medals in the 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, 100 butterfly and as a member of the 800

free relay. Clifton Johnson (sr., Pittsburgh, PA) repeated as the Most Outstanding Diver with victories in both the one and three meter events. Head Coach John Lyons continued his string of MAAC Coach of the Year awards, winning for the eighth time.



Clif Johnson



Dave Wilkins



Cheryl Coppola



Karen Hafner

The La Salle women won 18 of the 20 events, losing only the 200 medley relay and the 100 backstroke to Loyola. Karen Hafner (so., Cinnaminson, NJ) was named Female Swimmer of the Year for the second consecutive year. Hafner was victorious in the 200 backstroke, 200 I.M., 400 I.M. and as a member of the 800 free relay. Cheryl Coppola (so., Philadelphia, PA) was also the repeat Most Outstanding Female Diver, winning both the one and three meter diving events.

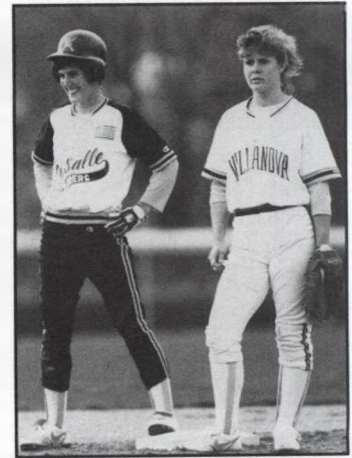
Pitching Arsenal Will Guide Softball Squad

There is a luxury on the La Salle softball team this year that is giving first-year Head Coach Ray Perri a very confident outlook on the season. This luxury is a five-man pitching staff that boasts senior Andrea Huck, a former Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player. With the help of UMass transfer Kendall Hodson and Philadelphia Public League All-Star Heather Sudul, La Salle's arsenal of stoppers should propel the Explorers beyond previously reached heights.

Offensively, the La Salle charges will be powered and ready to go. Last year the team was ranked 33rd in the nation in batting with a .280 average and there are no expectations of sliding out of the national picture. Only the bat of the graduated Mary McGrath will be missed—a player who hit .442 for eighth best in Division I and also led in triples average at 0.26. But McGrath leaves behind a qualified lineup that backed her in '91.

A triple dose of that power is represented in Kerri McGahey, Leah Gontarz and Kelli McGahey. Consistency was a virtue amongst these three, as they batted .314, .314 and .313, respectively. Kelli led the trio in hits with 47, Gontarz led in runs batted in with 19 and Kerri racked up the most appearances on base with 62. These three should bring home the offense for La Salle. Another talented Explorer batter that burst onto the scene last year was Maribeth Inverso. Just a freshman, she started 36 games and hit a promising .286. Also look for added support to come from UMass transfer Tiffany Hodson, who brings Atlantic 10 championship experience in her bat, along with returning senior Trish Valentine, one of La Salle's best contact hitters.

The defensive corps return rock-solid for La Salle, with the strength of the pitching staff standing tall. "Our pitching should be outstanding," said Head Coach Ray Perri. "The addition of Heather and Kendall, as well as Tara (Montavyds) and Jen (Page), should only strengthen what we already have with Andy." Last year Huck pitched 185.0 innings and registered an earned run average of 1.89. She also fanned 150 batters to set a new La Salle record, while surrendering just 36 walks. The rest of the staff will be new to La Salle, but their prior championship experience should match the infectious quality of the Explorers' winning attitude.



Sophomore Kelly Kershner agrees that the 1992 season will be something to smile about.

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Softball Squad

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In the field the biggest change will come from behind the plate. Sophomore Leah Gontarz now assumes the major responsibilities for catching the heat and directing the infield. Gontarz has a more than capable arm, having spent the majority of her 41 games in leftfield last year. Add to this her true knowledge of the game and the premier pitcher-catcher combo is complete. Gontarz will receive support from senior Maria Honorio, a veteran catcher with high-pressure experience.

The infield will be rounded out with Kerri McGahey at first, Kristen Falcone and Tiffany Hodson at second, Michele Hausman at third and Sheila Thurston at shortstop. Look for fewer balls to get through the gaps with this lineup that likes to get dirty.

The outfield should be one of the quickest that La Salle has seen in recent years. Kelli McGahey, the Explorers' leader in stolen bases, is in center field as a third-year starter. Flanking her on the right is fellow speedster Kelly Kershner. Kershner saw limited action in a talent-laden outfield last season, but when given the call she maintained a flawless fielding percentage. In left is another upstart sophomore, Maribeth Inverso.

La Salle is a team that lives for the power game. They were fifth in home run average (0.36), sixth in triples average (0.62) and seventh in slugging percentage (.403) in Division I last year. In the days that follow they will settle for nothing less and work towards goals that reach much higher.

Track News

The following La Salle indoor track athletes have run qualifying times that will allow them to participate in the IC4A Championship (men) at Princeton University and the ECAC (women) Championship at Syracuse University.

Men's Track

IC4A Qualifiers:

200	Mark McCall
800	Chris Donato
1000	Dave Smith
Mile	Mike Ewing
3000	Tom Schwind, Mike Ewing
5000	Tom Schwind
4x400	Mark McCall, Eric Mobley, Chuck Kelly, Ed Kelleher
4x800	Dave Smith, Joe Cranston, Tom Tennant, Chris Donato
Distance Medley	Rob Forberger, Chuck Kelly, Jason DiJoseph, Mike Ewing

IC4A's: Princeton University—March 7th and 8th, 1992

Women's Track

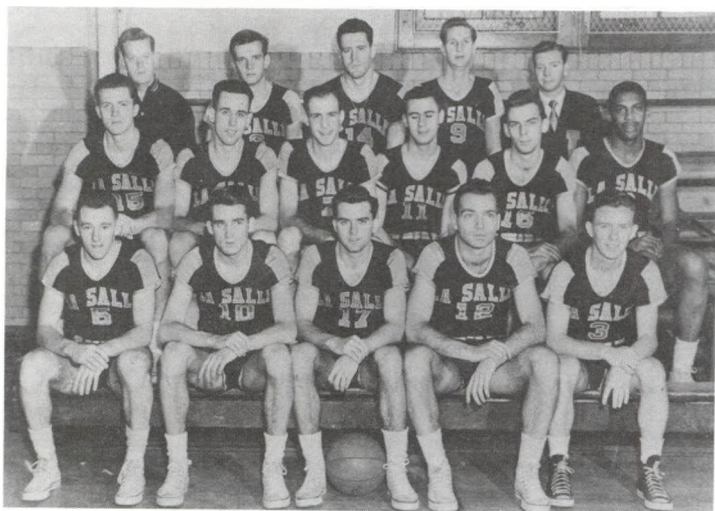
ECAC Qualifiers:

500	Jen Quigley
1000	Sheila Regan
4x800	Jen Quigley, Laura Black, Terri Lewandowski, Sheila Regan
Distance Medley	Jen Quigley, Joyce Jellig, Laura Black, Terri Lewandowski

ECAC's: Syracuse University—March 7th and 8th, 1992

La Salle Honors 1952 NIT Championship Team

La Salle College 1952 N.I.T. Champions 1952



First Row: Frank O'Hara, Jim Warrington, Charles Donnelly, Ed Altieri, Tom McCormick.
Second Row: Tom Gola, Newt Jones, Norm Grekin, Fred Ihle, Dick Breen, Jackie Moore.
Third Row: Harry Bruner, Trainer, Joe Gilson, Jack French, Bill Katheder, Jim O'Connor, Mgr.

In March 1952, the La Salle College Explorers swept through the National Invitation Tournament in New York's Madison Square Garden on the way to the first national championship for any Explorers' basketball team.

On Friday, February 21, at halftime of La Salle's game with Fairfield at the Philadelphia Civic Center, members of the team were honored and introduced to the crowd.

Among those honoring the team were representatives of Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, and Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., the outgoing president of La Salle.

Philadelphia radio station WPEN joined the festivities, providing on-air personality to introduce the team. The station also played music from that era during the evening, and game programs and certain selected concession items were marked down to the prices of the time.

Ken Loeffler, the team's coach, and Norm Grekin, co-Most Valuable Player of that NIT, have passed away. Members who were invited included captain Charles "Buddy" Donnelly, co-MVP Tom Gola, Newt Jones, Fred Ihle, Jackie Moore, Frank "Wacky" O'Hara, Ed Altieri, Jim Warrington, Dick Breen, Jack French, Billy Katheder, Joe Gilson, and team manager Tom Sottile.



Cole, Hurd, and Neubauer Named to GTE District 2 All-Academic Basketball Team



Jennifer Cole

La Salle University's Jennifer Cole, Jack Hurd, and Jeff Neubauer have been selected as honorees on the GTE District 2 Academic All-American women's and men's basketball teams and will represent District 2 on the national ballot. The national GTE Academic All-American basketball teams will be selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and announced on March 9.

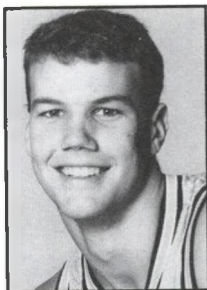
A native of Valparaiso, Indiana, Cole is the only junior to make the six player women's team that is highlighted by former second team GTE Academic All-Americans Rosemary Kosiorek of West Virginia and Susan Robinson of Penn State. It is also the second time that Cole has been honored by CoSIDA, as she was a 1991 GTE District 2 Academic All-American for softball.

Cole is currently leading the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in scoring with 20.3 points per game. She has been honored as Big Five Player of the Week four times and MAAC Player of the Week four times. Other season highlights include being named Lady Bonnies Classic and La Salle Invitational MVP and the setting of a school record 39 points. This season she also became the quickest player in La Salle history to score 1,000 points, currently with 1,181.

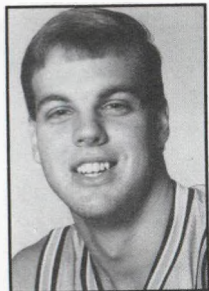
Cole registered a 3.63 G.P.A. in her chosen major of chemistry. She is also pursuing a minor in business administration.

Cole joins the increasing line of student-athlete academic success stories at La Salle. Also honored this year at La Salle were senior Jack Hurd and junior Jeff Neubauer, representing the men's basketball GTE District 2 Academic All-American Team. Last Year Hurd was a second team honoree and Mary Greybush of the women's team was a third team honoree.

A native of Lititz, PA, Hurd has been a star with the books and the ball throughout his career. This year he is averaging 17.7 points per game, while maintaining a grade point average of 3.44 in finance. He has started every game in his career and he is the school's all-time leader in three-point field goals. Hurd's career high of 32 points came this season versus the University of Oregon.



Jack Hurd



Jeff Neubauer

A resident of Slidell, LA, Neubauer is a junior finance major with a 3.52 grade point average (the highest amongst the honorees). He has been a starter at the point guard position for most of the season, averaging 3.3 ppg and 2.3 apg in just over 20 minutes a game. Both Neubauer and Hurd were on the MAAC All-Academic squad last year.

1992 Men's Baseball Schedule

February

Feb. 29 @ Florida Atlantic University 7:00 p.m.

March

Sun. 1	Purdue @ Florida Atlantic	3:00
Mon. 2	Lewis University @ Florida Atlantic	3:00
Tue. 3	Purdue @ Florida Atlantic	3:00
Wed. 4	@ Florida Atlantic	7:00 p.m.
Thur. 5	Lewis University @ Florida Atlantic	3:00
Sat. 7	Providence College @ Florida Atlantic	12:00
Wed. 11	MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY	3:30
Fri. 13	DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY	3:30
Sat. 14	@ Rider University	1:00
Sun. 15	@ Villanova University	1:00
Tue. 17	ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY	3:30
Wed. 18	TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	3:30
Sat. 21	@ Penn State University	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Mon. 23	@ Temple University	3:30
Tue. 24	ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY	3:30
Wed. 25	BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY	3:30
Thur. 26	SETON HALL UNIVERSITY	3:30
Sat. 28	FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Sun. 29	FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY	12:00 (2-7 innings)

April

Wed. 1	DELAWARE @ Vet Stadium	3:00
Sat. 4	@ West Chester University	1:00 (2-7 innings)
Sun. 5	WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY	1:00
Mon. 6	VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY	3:30
Tue. 7	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	3:30
Wed. 8	@ Widener University	3:00
Thur. 9	@ Drexel University	3:30
Sat. 11	@ St. Peter's College	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Sun. 12	@ St. Peter's College	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Tue. 14	Winners @ Vet (Losers will schedule each other)	
Wed. 15	Winners @ Vet (Losers will schedule each other)	
Thur. 16	Rain Date for Vet	
Sat. 18	FAIRLEIGH-DICKINSON (Madison)	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Mon. 20	@ Lafayette College	3:30
Tue. 21	@ St. Joseph's University	8:00 p.m.
Thur. 23	RIDER COLLEGE	3:30
Sat. 25	@ Iona College	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Sun. 26	@ Iona College	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Tue. 28	DREXEL UNIVERSITY	3:30

May

Sat. 2	MANHATTAN COLLEGE	12:00 (2-7 innings)
Sun. 3	MANHATTAN COLLEGE	12:00 (2-7 innings)

All HOME GAMES played at DeVincent Field
Head Coach: Gene McDonnell



Gallagher Club Summary

As the basketball season winds down, the Dr. Eugene Gallagher Club is still very busy. End-of-season and end-of-year activities will fill the Gallagher Club calendars from March through May.

The first weekend in March the Gallagher Club will join other fans as La Salle participates in the MAAC Tournament in Albany for the last time in what will hopefully be a fond farewell tour.

In April the Gallagher Club will honor the Senior members of the men's and women's basketball teams at the annual Basketball Awards Dinners. Invitations will be sent to all Gallagher club members when the dates for these memorable evenings are set.

In traditional fashion, the Gallagher Club will end the school year with a final meeting in May. This is an opportunity for all of us to socialize, review, and plan. Speedy Morris and John Miller will give us their annual year-in-review summaries, and previews of the new recruits.

The following is a short review of the busy schedule Gallagher Club members were offered during the past few months:

"Meet the Team Night" opened our year with a chance to watch practice, socialize with the members of the team, and hear Speedy's pre-season prognosticating.

The Blue and Gold game at Open House gave everyone the chance to gauge the prospects for the upcoming season.

Gallagher Club members have been meeting regularly for informal pre and post dining and socializing in the Explorer Room at the Civic Center. Food, drink and plenty of La Salle memorabilia create a welcoming atmosphere for La Salle basketball fans.

Our annual major pre-game dinner, joining with the Downtown Club and Health Professionals' Society was held the night of the La Salle-Notre Dame

game, January 9th. A group of 200 crowded the Explorer Room before the game.

Gallagher Club members journeyed to Bill Raftery's restaurant to join the North Jersey Alums for festivities surrounding the St. Peter's game in Jersey City on January 18th and then on February 26th prior to the Loyola game they met with Baltimore area Alumni.

Gallagher Club membership offers a wealth of activities and options connected with La Salle basketball in addition to those associated with the Explorer Club. For more information, contact either the Athletic Office (951-1515), Alumni Office 951-1535 or any Gallagher Club Officer listed below.

Dan McGonigle (343-2832); Teresa Hooten Kozempel, O.D., (331-3040); Tim Regan (449-4189).

La Salle University Event Calendar

Volleyball

Tournaments: February 22nd at Villanova
March 29th at Temple

June 12-14: USBVA Cap Level 1 & 2 Certification Course

July 6-10: La Salle University Volleyball Camp

For more information contact Arnie Rosenbaum at 951-1696

Basketball

June 21-26: Johnny Miller's Girls Basketball Camp

July 19-24: Speedy Morris La Salle University Basketball Camp
(For Boys Ages 9-14)

July 26-31: Speedy Morris La Salle University Basketball Camp
(For Boys Ages 15-18)

For more information contact the Basketball Office at 951-1518

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MAAC Championships

Softball

April 24-26, 1992
Niagara University
Niagara Falls, NY